

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Council of the District of Columbia” substituted for “District of Columbia Council” in subsec. (b), pursuant to section 401 of Pub. L. 93-198, District of Columbia Council, as established by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, abolished as of noon Jan. 2, 1975, by Pub. L. 93-198, title VII, §711, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 818, and replaced by Council of District of Columbia, as provided by section 401 of Pub. L. 93-198.

Previously, reference to the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia had been changed to the District of Columbia Council pursuant to section 402(431) of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1967, 32 F.R. 11669, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organizations and Employees, which transferred the regulatory and other functions of the Board of Commissioners relating to agreements as to the closing and vacating of alleys and portions of streets to the District of Columbia Council, subject to the right of the Commissioner as provided by section 406 of the Plan. For provisions establishing the District of Columbia Council, see section 201 of the Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967.

§ 608. Authorization for construction or alteration by contract

The Administrator is authorized to carry out any construction or alteration authorized by this chapter by contract, if he deems it to be most advantageous to the United States.

(Pub. L. 86-249, §9, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 481.)

§ 609. Architectural or engineering services

(a) Employment by Administrator

The Administrator, whenever he determines it to be necessary, is authorized to employ, by contract or otherwise, and without regard to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, or to the civil service laws, rules, and regulations, or to section 5 of title 41, the services of established architectural or engineering corporations, firms, or individuals, to the extent he may require such services for any public building authorized to be constructed or altered under this chapter.

(b) Employment on permanent basis

No corporation, firm, or individual shall be employed under authority of subsection (a) of this section on a permanent basis.

(c) Responsibility of Administrator for construction

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section the Administrator shall be responsible for all construction authorized by this chapter, including the interpretation of construction contracts, the approval of materials and workmanship supplied pursuant to a construction contract, approval of changes in the construction contract, certification of vouchers for payments due the contractor, and final settlement of the contract.

(Pub. L. 86-249, §10, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 481.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The civil service laws, referred to in subsec. (a), are set forth in Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. See, particularly, section 3301 et seq. of Title 5.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a), “chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5” substituted for “the Classification Act

of 1949, as amended” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 610. Report to Congress; uncompleted projects; building project surveys

(a) Upon the request of either House of Congress, or any committee thereof, and within a reasonable time, the Administrator shall submit a report showing the location, space, cost, and status, of each public building the construction, alteration, or acquisition of which is to be under authority of this chapter and which was uncompleted as of the date of the request, or as of such other date as the request may designate.

(b) The Administrator and the United States Postal Service are authorized and directed to make such building project surveys as may be requested by resolution by either the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate or the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives, and within a reasonable time shall make a report thereon to the Congress. Such report shall contain all other information required to be included in a prospectus of the proposed public building project under section 606(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 86-249, §11, Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 481; Pub. L. 91-375, §4(a), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 773; Pub. L. 96-470, title II, §211, Oct. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 2246; Pub. L. 103-437, §14(b)(2), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4591.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate or the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives” for “Committee on Public Works of the Senate or the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives”.

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-470 substituted “Upon the request of either House of Congress, or any committee thereof, and within a reasonable time, the Administrator shall submit” for “The Administrator shall submit to Congress each January, promptly after the convening of Congress,” and “request, or as of such other date as the request may designate” for “last preceding report made under this chapter”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Public Works and Transportation of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress.

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In subsec. (b), “United States Postal Service” substituted for “Postmaster General” pursuant to Pub. L. 91-375, §4(a), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 773, set out as a note under section 201 of Title 39, Postal Service, which abolished office of Postmaster General of Post Office Department and transferred its functions to United States Postal Service.

§ 611. Continuing investigation and survey of public buildings

(a) Authorization of Administrator

The Administrator is authorized and directed to make a continuing investigation and survey